

REMARKS

Claims 80-151 are pending and under consideration. Claims 87-151 stand withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected inventions. With this Amendment, withdrawn Claims 87-151 are being cancelled, without prejudice, to expedite allowance of Claims 80-86.

Claims 80-83 and 86 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-9 and 25 of U.S. Patent No. 5,945,526. This rejection is moot in light of the Terminal Disclaimer enclosed herewith.

Conclusion

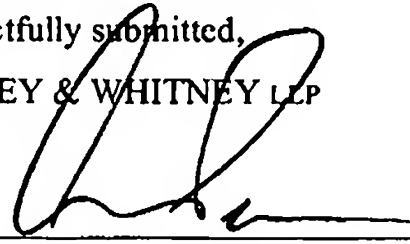
Claims 8-86 satisfy all of the criteria for patentability and are believed to be in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is kindly requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee, or credit any overpayment, to Dorsey & Whitney LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-72076-4/AMP).

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